Delay in completion of Golden Quadrilaterial

426. DR. MAM. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that poor performance of some contractors have resulted in delay in the completion of Golden Quadrilateral project;

(b) if so, the details of such contractors;

(c) the steps/action taken by Government against such contractors;

(d) whether Government propose to set targets for contractors before awarding contracts;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) Areveiw of performance of various contractors implementing ongoing contracts including contracts of Golden Quadrilateral has been undertaken where the progress was slow and seventeen contractors have been declared "non-performing" and debarred for award of any future contracts until such time as their performance improves.

(d) to (f) Yes, Sir. The sectional targets are set before awarding contracts which are to be achieved under the provisions of contract agreement. There is provision of liquidated lamages in case those are not achieved by the contractors as per the stipulated time period in the contract agreement.

Slow traffic on National Highway No. 1

†427. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that movement of traffic on National Highway No. 1 passing through outskirts of Ludhiana is extremely slow, practically throughout the day and road users suffer inspite of paying toll tax for that stretch;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to construct a flyover on the

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stretch to avoid city traffic;

(c) if so, by when said work would be taken up and completed; and

(d) if not, in what way Government propose to solve the problem of slow traffic on that stretch of the Highway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Following measures are being taken up to mitigate the problem of slow traffic on this stretches of NH-1:

(i) widening of roads at km 313 *i.e.* Oswal Chowk.

(ii) widening of roads on either side in Km 315 & 316 near Samrala Chowk.

(iii) Construction of slip roads at Km 317 near Basti Chowk.

(iv) Improvement of the service roads between Km 318 to Km 320.

Cargo handling capacity of major ports

†428. SHRI S.S. AHLUWAUA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of existing cargo handling capacity of the major ports engaged where loading and unloading of export and import cargoes are generally carried out;

(b) the details of capacity of existing road infrastructure available for accessing these ports by cargo containers, including the time taken on average for a container to return from port;

(c) whether existing infrastructure of accessing roads to ports are adequate to facilitate projected growth in export-import trade;

(d) if not, the steps contemplated to augment the same, port-wise alongwith time frame therefor; and

(e) the resources required for implementation?

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